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GENTLEMEN'S GENTLEMEN.

THE WAYS OF THE MALE SERVANT.

CHARACTERISTICS IN MANY COUNTRIES-THE ODOROUS ORIENTALS-THE INSU!

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An immense number of international conferences have been held both here and in Europe during the last two or three decades for the purpose of discussing the principal issues of the day, and of combining to effect a solution of the difficulties in connection therewith. We have had maritime, medical, postal, telegraph, prison and anti-slavery conferences—all of an inter-national nature. Why should we not, therefore, have an international congress on the domestic service difficulty? The latter is certainly the most absorbing question of the day, not only in the Eastern, but also, and more particularly, in the Western, Hemisphere. It threatens to destroy the happiness of our homes, and to drive the majority of us to forsake the comforts of our for the demoralizing atmospehre of hotel life. It impairs that equanimity of mind and sweetness of temper which is-or rather was-one of the most graceful attributes of womanhood, and consequently interferes with that gentieness of behavior and suavity of demeanor which we poor relatives. Long columns have recently been devoted by the American and English newspapers and magazines to the discussion of this question, which plays so important a part in our lives. But no practical results can possibly be achieved by these disjointed and disconnected dissertations in the public press; whereas a carefully organized international congress would have a considerably greater prospect; of being able to agree upon some common remedy for that which is gradually degenerating into the curse of modern life. And even if no definite solution were attained, much benefit would assuredly result from the interchange of opinions between the various international delegates. The Chinese representative and in the same manner the French the German, the English, the Italian and the Spanish delegates could impact to the same to the same to the Italian and Italian a Spanish delegates could impart to us the merits and faults of the servants of their respective countries. In this way much valuable information might be obtained, and an international scheme organized for promoting a special breed of cosmopolitan servants who would each one of them comine in his own individuality the good, but not the bad characteristics of the servants of different

This, I am firmly convinced by experience, is the only possible manner of solving the great domestic service difficulty. For, during the course of my diplomatic career, I have resided in many lands, and have had in my employ servants of many different races. I have had Italian servants, Austrian, German, Swiss, French, Belgians, Russians, Japanese, Chinese, Berberins, Montenegrins, Arabs, colored gentlemen from Virginia, Spaniards, Poles, Irish and English. And taking them altogether, it is difficult to decide as to which of them is entitled to special recommendation. They all have their faults and their merits. though in the case of each nationality their good the belief that if a generation of polyglot servants could be formed combining the merits of the ser-vants of each race, the entire difficulty would

THE JAPS AND THEIR CLOTHES.

The Japanese would make good servants were it not for their lack of cleanliness, their want of precision and their general tendency to flightiness. With regard to the first of these three objections it is chiefly on the more of their clothes. The latter are rarely changed and never washed. The people, it is true, bashe every day, mostly in water heated to a temperature that would parboil any ordinary civilized human being. But on emerging from the bath they resume the same old silk and woollen garments, which not only they themselves, but also their ancestors, even to the third and fourth generation, have worn without interruption. Heavy silks and woollen clothes, though durable, are apt to require cleansing after some twenty or thirty years of constant use, especially surprising that the people of Japan should present a powerful contrast to their flowers, which latter reason of some peculiarity of the soil, are

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proper to offer to her benefactor, as she styled me, the wedding-cake.

At the first moment it appeared incredible to me that any money could have remained out of funeral, at which an enormous amount of refreshments was consumd. But then I suddenly remembered that money goes a long way in Japan, the smallest coin representing the thousandth part of a dollar. Besides, it was manifest there must have been a balance left sufficient to constitute her dowry, since she would never have succeeded in finding another husband without it. For in accordance with the custom of Japanese married women, her teeth were stained coal black and her eyebrows shaved off, added to which she

was no longer young. Talking of the refreshments consumed at the betto's obsequies, reminds me that this somewhat grewsome custom of cating and drinking at funerals seems to prevail in almost every country, both civilized and uncivilized, under the sun. Grief appears to stimulate appetite. Cervantes relates that when Don Quixote was dying, his niece and Sancho Panza ate heartily, while if we are to credit one of the French poets, Dido's overwhelming sorrow on being deserted by Aeneas was assuaged by a hearty meal off a fat turkey

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the coffins of the dear departed, presumably with the object of replenishing the source of teats and of maintaining it at high-water mark. Moreover, additional evidence as to the parciang effect of sorrow on the human throat is afforded by the almost incredible number of legacy saloons, been gardens and pethonses which line the approaches to all great cemeteries, both in the United States and in every other country that I have visited. Here in New-York, where there is such a large number of forcign colonies, it might prove both interesting that assignification of liquor affected by the mourners of each different nationality; and secondly, the kind of drink which is proved by the largest consumption to be the most efficacious in assigning great.

and bad points differ. It is this that leads me to over, extraordinarily particular on the saluest of

hearts they despise them and that they consulted

funeral expenses—she deemed it only fitting and and fifteen years who led the onslaught on their employers, and who were the first to point out to the plunderers the holing places in which the family valuables had been concealed. They are thoroughly unsernpulous, ready to sell their masthe twenty dollars after the payment of the ters' secrets to the highest bidder, and willing to perpetrate any viliany-for a consideration. balanced by a corresponding lack of intelligence, and as a rule they are childishly stupid and ignorant in all matters excepting those pertains undaly prejudiced against these Ezyptian servants. For having one day had occession to administer a sound heating to one of the grooms, or sais, whom I had cought illitreating my favorite horse, the man succeeded by dint of tears and moans in enlisting the sympathy of my wife, who speedily put a step to his demonstrations of grief and pain by the application of a gold coin to the palm of his hand. The result of this mistaken kindness was that during the remainder of our residence in Egypt the entire household of sixteen servants, the hiding coaks, grooms, gardeners and house servants, did each of them their level best to irritate and aggravate me into striking them, in the home of alterium showers. undaly prejudiced against these Egyptian serbest to irritate and aggravate me into strik ing them, in the hope of obtaining subsequen-consolation from my wife in the form of a gold

ENGLISH SERVANTS AND THEIR TRAINING

English servants had termerly the reputation of being the best in the world. But this was in the days of bygone generation, when the old rule of six months in the town and six months Que la fuite d'ince.

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That grief likewise stimulates thirst is shown by the appalling amount of liquid absorbed around the coffins of the dear departed, presumably with the object of replenishing the source of tears.

The True Test For Baking Powders.

The severe analytical tests to which the various baking powders have from time to time been placed have demonstrated clearly to the public the relative merits of the different brands from a scientific point of view. The official Government investigations, for instance, have shown that the Royal Baking Powder gives off the largest amount of leavening gas, and therefore is the most economical for general use. They also show the Royal to be absolutely pure and wholesome. For these reasons the Royal was recommended for Government uses, and it is now used in the War and Navy departments.

But the crucial test of the kitchen is, after all, the most satisfactory to the housekeeper. A baking powder that never fails to make light, sweet, wholesome and palatable bread, biscuit, cake, etc., is the one that will be selected by the practical housekeeper and received into her kitchen for continuous use. This test the Royal Baking Powder has stood for twenty-five years without failure, and hence its reputation as the best baking powder made has spread from house to house, until its use has become as universal as its merits are unrivaled.

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The little woman was the first to board the train. She threw open a window and thrusting out her head, craned her neck that she might watch her box. Everything went

THE QUEEN OF SOUBRETTES.

LOSS TO THE THEATRE FRANCAIS BY THE

DEATH OF JEANNE SAMARY.

FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.

Sidney Smith used to say that until a bishop and a railway director were killed in a railway

earriage there would be no trouble taken to pre-

vent accidents. The death of the charming Madame Samary, of the Theatre Francais, may call attention seriously to the typhoid fever lurking in the mains of Paris, through which Seine water runs during the greater part of each summer. Typhoid fever has been for years the autumn epidemic of the classes unable to leave town in summer. But as poor creatures only suffered from that malady no trouble was taken to have filtering tanks. Madame Samary's premature decease may, pending the creation of reservoirs for spring water at St. Cloud, cause the town council to bestir itself in regard to the puritying of the Seine water, which has to be drunk here in summer. One cannot say how society takes the sudden disappearance of that charming actress, nobody of consequence being now in town. But her loss will be felt by the fashionable world and by those lovers of the drama wealthy enough to have actors and actresses of that theatre recite or play light comedies in their salons. Madame Samary had that delightful thing "a potato face, but with retinement in the features. Her lips never quite closed. But the teeth round which they opened were beautifully even, and white as snow. One might have imagined her the granddaughter of some Irish Biddy, of whom she was a revised, abridged and beautified edition. Her face broke beautifully into smiles; and her laughter showed that there was such a rich fund of good humor in her that it was always contarious. She had fine hair of a nut-brown shot with auburn shade, a pretty figure, neat feet and ankles, and charming hands and arms. Her style There is the extractive choices, it makes prove the state of frequences of the control of the co

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In due time, once more, the "upper gentleman" was found. Then the box, distraced though innocent, was dragged forth from its hiding place and exposed to the light of day. Since enough, when it was lifted an inch nor so from the ground and allowed to fall back again a little cloud of dust escaped from the cracks in the sides and cover. But the owner was not in the least surprised or nlarmed.

That's my box, sure enough," said, he. "There was no occasion for any mysters or trouble about it."

The "upper gentleman" seemed to think so too as soon as he inderstood the stimution. He tried to take it lightly and laugh it off as a matter of no consequence.

"If the box had only been marked, we shouldn't have thought anything of it." he remarked, with a painful attempt at a saide.

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The "upper gentleman" waxed wroth. "Then he's a countryman, and no radical man," said he with a suid of contempt.

Alt's will that ends well, and it due time for the last time the hox was delivered at its rightful desuration.

To satisfy the reader's corrosity it may be remarked that it contained three or four dozen glass jars of fruit which had been packed with wood ashes and old new papers.

The Mystery of the Plain Pine Lox was an exceedingly simple mystery, after all.

On an east-bound Eric train there was a baby that made the lives of all its fellow passengers miserable. It was one of these small, unassuming babies, with weak

not enough to reduce its lement, and just as its motte was open widest to get the best jurchase on sound, in went the sponge cake as its and as firmly as a moderate push of the old lady's hand permitted. Sound cased in an instant, and with eyes popping with

perfor, the baby seemed builed in spange cake and silence